

Sheet No. 4

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

WE, the undersigned

DSM Nutritional Products Ltd., Wurmisweg 576, CH-4303 Kaiseraugst
(former: Roche Vitamins AG, Grenzacherstrasse 124, CH-4070 Basel, Switzerland)

title holder of the patent application(s) filed with the European Patent Office, Munich,
Germany, on

September 15, 2003 under number 03020875.5

with the title:

A new route to alpha-tocopheryl alkanoates and precursors thereof

assign and transfer to:

DSM IP ASSETS B.V.
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all rights, title and interest resulting from the above-mentioned application.

This assignment is made for the purposes of all designations.

Basel, this 1st day of September 2004


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☒ This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".